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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 10, 2016

DATE: April 5, 2016

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Director
Community Services Department, 328-3600, dsolaro@washoecounty.us

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint Don Mahin as one of Washoe County's appointees to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Truckee River Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that is operated by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, funded by Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) rate payers and established for the sole purpose of funding projects that protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River or its watershed.

A nine member Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendations on project proposals. The cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County each appoint three members of the Committee. Members do not serve established terms, but rather "at the pleasure of their respective local governments." One of Washoe County's appointees, Jerry Purdy, has recently resigned. Other Washoe County appointees currently serving are Sue Donaldson (appointed April 2009) and Susan Lynn (appointed in 2014).

Ms. Tracy Turner of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada contacted Washoe County upon the resignation of Mr. Purdy and indicated that a few individuals had expressed interested in serving on the Advisory Committee. Those names along with a list of needed expertise currently lacking on the overall committee was submitted to the Community Services Department who reviewed resumes and vetted candidates for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (Board).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On June 17, 2014, The Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Susan Lynn to replace John Mosley on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

April 14, 2009, the Board appointed Sue Donaldson to replace Susan Lynn on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

AGENDA ITEM # 501

On May 16, 2008, the Board appointed John Mosley to replace Daryl Gardipe on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

On September 14, 2004, the Board appointed Susan Lynn, Arlan Melendez, and Jerry Purdy to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Truckee River Fund is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency that is operated by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, funded by TMWA rate payers and established for the sole purpose of funding projects that protect and enhance water quality or water resources of the Truckee River or its watershed.

General duties of the Advisory Committee are to make recommendations to the TMWA Board and Foundation Board regarding distributions of income and principal from the Fund to potential charitable beneficiaries and any other aspects of the administration of the Fund as considered appropriate by the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee meets at least quarterly to conduct Fund business, reviews and updates the request for proposal and/or reviews project proposals prior to funding meetings and selects potential projects for funding. Projects must be in compliance with the exclusive purposes of the Fund and the Community Foundation's policies and has the responsibility of securing preliminary approval from the TMWA Board, has the responsibility of seeing final approval from the Foundation Board and reviews project reports and reports to the Advisory Committee on the progress of funded projects. The Advisory Committee reviews accountings for the Fund at least annually.

Mr. Mahin has had substantial water and Truckee River experience over his career. His expertise lies with water resources and facility planning, water quality, water rights and water management. Mr. Mahin worked for Washoe County for 25 years performing a wide variety of water resources planning and management duties involving the Truckee River and groundwater basins in Washoe County and will represent the community well on this advisory committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with Washoe County's making appointments to or participating in the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners appoint Don Mahin as one of Washoe County's appointees to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to appoint Don Mahin as one of Washoe County's appointees to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee."



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Truckee River Fund – Job Description for Advisory Committee members

The Truckee River Fund, an advised fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, is administered by an advisory committee comprised of nine members, consisting of three members selected by each of the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County. None of the members of the Advisory Committee may be elected officials. It is not necessary that the appointee be employed by, or reside in, Reno/Sparks. Current Truckee River Fund advisors may be able to recommend qualified candidates.

Ideal Advisory Committee members:

- have committed to preparing for and attending quarterly advisory meetings and special meetings deemed necessary by the Advisory Committee
- have a background in technical areas not already reflected in the current makeup of the Advisory Committee would be favored
- are very familiar with the Truckee River watershed
- bring technical expertise that helps with evaluation and selection of projects

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- reviews project proposals prior to funding meetings
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- has the responsibility of securing preliminary approval from the TMWA Board
- has the responsibility of seeing final approval from the Foundation Board
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- reviews accountings for the Fund at least annually.

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For more information about the Truckee River Fund or the Community Foundation, please contact Tracy Turner, Chief Philanthropy Officer, tturner@nevadafund.org or 775-333-5499.

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2016 Draft Calendar

January 5	RFP distributed
February 11	RFP/Grant applications due
February 15	11 a.m. Executive Committee meeting to set agenda
<u>February 26</u>	<u>8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Review project proposals</u>
March 16	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
May 23	11 a.m. Executive Committee meeting to set agenda
<u>June 3</u>	<u>8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discuss nominations for officers (even years)</u>
June 15	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
June 22	RFP distributed
July 16	TMWA picnic—to be confirmed
July 15	Advisory Committee field trip/site visits
August 4	RFP/Grant applications due
August 8	11 a.m. Executive Committee meeting to set agenda
<u>August 19</u>	<u>8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Elect officers (even years)</u>• <u>Review project proposals</u>
September 14	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting
November 21	11 a.m. Executive Committee meeting to set agenda
<u>December 2</u>	<u>8:30 a.m. TRF Advisory Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Review/Approve 2017 calendar</u>• <u>Review/Approve Spring 2017 RFP</u>
December 14	10 a.m. TMWA Board meeting

**Denotes change to date.

Donald A. Mahin P.E., P.G.

Mr. Mahin joined Stantec in April of 2007, as a Senior Engineer assisting clients with water resources and facility planning, water quality, water rights and water management issues. Prior to joining Stantec, Mr. Mahin worked for Washoe County for 25 years performing a wide variety of water resources planning and management duties involving the Truckee River and groundwater basins in Washoe County.

EDUCATION

A.A., Geology and Physical Science, Shasta College, Redding, California, 1974

B.A., Geology, California State University, Fresno, California, 1976

M.S., Hydrology, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, 1978

REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer #6348, State of Nevada

Professional Geologist #215, State of Indiana

Professional Engineer #35052, State of California

State Water Right Surveyor, #682, State of Nevada

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Water Resources Association

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers

Stantec Project Experience (2007 to present)

Truckee River Operating Agreement

Client and location: Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Reno, Nevada

Role: Technical Consultant and Expert Witness

Role Description: Technical consultant and expert witness for the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) EIS/EIR and the water rights hearings before the Nevada State Engineer and the California Water Resources Control Board. Provided technical assistance to the Department of the Interior relating to the TROA EIS/EIR regarding water quality management, wastewater treatment and disposal, and municipal water demands. Provided advice as requested by the TROA Implementation Committee regarding the development of the River Ware® model to be used the TROA administrator.

Regional Water and Wastewater Facility Plan

Client and location: Reno and Washoe County Nevada

Role: Evaluation of Natural Resource and Administrative constraints on water Supply and Wastewater. Estimated current and future demands in subareas of study.

Role Description: As a member of project team, developed inventories of available water resources for municipal supply purposes, identified conjunctive use alternatives to maximize the utilization of resources while providing drought protection, identified administrative constraints on the utilization of water resources and the ultimate disposition of wastewater. Utilized current land use information and land use plans to develop estimates of current and future water demands and wastewater flows applicable to portions of study area. Provided written documentation of resource constraints, available water supply and demand projections.

South Truckee Meadows Creek Yield Analysis

Client and location: Washoe County, Reno, Nevada

Role: Development of municipal water supply yield analysis for tributaries to Truckee River

Role Description: Working with other team members, developed a conjunctive use municipal water supply yield analysis for several tributaries to the Truckee River. Identified priorities of water rights with suitable yield to provide a reliable municipal water supply and factors to be applied to those rights to reflect their respective drought yields.

Washoe County Project Experience (1982 to 2007)

Truckee River Operating Agreement

Role: Technical and Policy negotiator representing Reno, Sparks and Washoe County in development of Truckee River Operating Agreement and its EIS/EIR

Role Description: Technical and Policy negotiator representing Reno, Sparks and Washoe County in development of Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) and its EIS/EIR from the beginning of the negotiations through his retirement from Washoe County in 2007. Represented Washoe County's interest in seeking storage of credit water under TROA for parties in Nevada in addition to that provided to the Sierra Pacific Power Company (now the Truckee Meadows Water Authority). Sought and obtained changes to the draft TROA to protect water quality and fish resources including threatened and endangered species. Assisted the Department of the Interior as the point of contact with Washoe County which was a cooperating agency in development of EIS/EIR. Served as a member of the TROA Implementation Committee directing the development of the River Ware® model to be used the TROA administrator.

Establishment and Management of Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Role: Institutional organization development and determination of water resource adequacy. Alternate Board member for Truckee Meadows Water Authority after its establishment.

Role Description: Member of technical team developing organizational structure of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). Review of water supply and hydroelectric facilities proposed for transfer to TMWA as part of the sale of water business from Sierra Pacific Power Company. Sole responsibility for review of adequacy of water rights and resources to be transferred in sale of water and hydroelectric utility to TMWA for meeting water commitments that had previously been made by Sierra Pacific Power Company. Identification of water rights and resources deficiencies in assets proposed for transfer to TMWA and arrangement for their inclusion in the assets transferred to TMWA. Served as alternate Board member of TMWA for Washoe County for TMWA Board meetings whenever the appointed County Commissioner TMWA Board member was unavailable to attend.

Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement

Role: Technical and Policy negotiator representing Reno, Sparks and Washoe County in development of Truckee River Operating Agreement and its EIS/EIR

Role Description: Technical and Policy negotiator, representing Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, of an agreement to settle litigation between the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the cities of Reno and Sparks, the State of Nevada, the Department of the Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the permitting and construction of a wastewater treatment facility owned by Reno and Sparks. Participated in technical and policy negotiations, reviewed available water quality models and TROA model runs, consulted with aquatic biologists regarding aquatic plant life and fish resources. Assisted the Department of the Interior as the point of contact with Washoe County which was a cooperating agency in development of EIS related to the federal actions associated with the agreement.

Local Government Oversight Committee

Role: Member and Chairman of committee charged with implementation of the Truckee River water Quality settlement agreement

Role Description: Served 8 years as a committee member and 6 years as chairman of the Local government oversight committee which was responsible for the implementation of the Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement (WQSA). Developed management schedules for augmentation of Truckee River flows for water quality enhancement purposes. Acquired water rights and associated real property. Developed and submitted water rights change applications to the state of Nevada. Administered \$12 million fund held by Washoe

County for implementation of the WQSA on behalf of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County. Provided expert testimony regarding water rights change applications in administrative hearings before the Nevada State Engineer. Coordinated management of water rights with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the US Department of the Interior agencies.

South Truckee Meadows Facility Plan

Role: Project Manager of Water and Wastewater Facility Plan.

Role Description: Project management and stakeholder facilitation for development of an integrated water and wastewater facility plan in the south Truckee Meadows area of Washoe County. Worked to coordinate several citizens groups, 3 utilities, and the general public to have buy-in to a conjunctive use plan for the management of water supply and wastewater treatment. Managed consultant contract and facilitated public participation.

Sierra Pacific Power Company Water Resource Planning

Role: Technical and policy review of Sierra Pacific Power Company Water Resource Plans submitted to the Nevada Public Service Commission.

Role Description: Primary responsibility for technical and policy review and testimony to the Nevada Public Service Commission (PSC) regarding water resource plans developed by Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCo). This effort formally began in 1982 at the request of Washoe County to the PSC and continued to 2001 when the SPPCo water utility was sold to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Mr. Mahin was the primary person responsible for the review of the SPPCO Water Resource Plans and presenting evidence and testimony to the Nevada PSC regarding the water resource plans.

Donald A. Mahin P.E., P.G.

Biography

Following completion of his M.S. degree in Hydrology at the University of Nevada, Reno in 1978, Mr. Mahin spent 4 years working for consulting firms in the western United States involved in water resource development and water quality projects in California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Wyoming, Indiana, Wisconsin and Alaska. During this time he obtained his Indiana Professional Geologist Certification.

In 1982 Mr. Mahin started work for Washoe County as a Hydrologist for the Regional Administrative Planning Agency (RAPA) initially performing ground water basin studies and reviewing the Water Resource Planning of the Sierra Pacific Power Company. Also in 1982, he obtained his California Professional Engineer registration in Civil Engineering which he followed with his Nevada Professional Engineer registration in 1983. During his 25 year career with Washoe County, Mr. Mahin worked for RAPA, the Planning Department, the County Managers Office and the Department of Water Resources performing a wide variety of functions related to water resources planning, development and management. He was Washoe County's representative for the negotiation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement and the Truckee River Water Quality Settlement Agreement (WQSA). He served Washoe County on numerous committees and boards, including the Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee and the Local Government Oversight Committee which was established to implement the WQSA.

Following his retirement from Washoe County, he has been associated with Stantec Consultants as a part time employee working on water resource and management projects in Washoe County primarily for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, City of Reno and Washoe County. Mr. Mahin is a volunteer with Washoe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (WCARES), which is a volunteer organization that supports the Washoe County Emergency Manager and emergency service agencies. As a volunteer with WCARES, he serves as its Assistant Emergency Coordinator for the National Weather Service.